



THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION Conference Information

Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Friday 28 August 2009

8am – 8pm

- *What has or is happening on the international level?*
- *What has or is happening on the national level?*
- *What has or is happening on the state level?*
- *What has or is happening on regional//local level?*

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BRISBANE



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

“Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples”
Conference PROGRAM
28 AUGUST 2009

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| 8am – 9am | Welcome to Parliament House
Conference Breakfast |
| 8.30am – 9.00am | Registration |
| 9.00 – 9.30am | Opening Ceremony |
| 9.30am -11.00am | Session1. Regional Indigenous Peoples
History and policies related to regional and/or local Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. |
| 11.00 – 12.30pm | Session 2. State Indigenous Peoples
State Government and/ or non-government organisations policies and support for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders human rights. |
| 12.30-1.30pm | Lunch |
| 1.30pm - – 3.00pm | Session 3.National Indigenous Peoples
Development of national policies in relation to social justice for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. |
| 3.00pm – 4.30pm | Session 4. Global Indigenous Peoples
Development and range of the UN Declaration of Rights for Indigenous Peoples globally |
| 4.30 -5.30pm | Session 5. Recommendations
and/or Resolutions |
| 6.00pm for 6.30pm
Parliament House - | Conference dinner |

INVITED PRESENTERS

TBC - to be confirmed, c - confirmed, r - reply to come

Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC

Governor of Queensland c

Professor James Anaya

UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Issues TBC

Professor Larissa Behrendt

Professor of Law and Director of Research c

Commissioner Tom Calma r

Ruth Davies

Desert Knowledge Centre c

Professor Mick Dodson

ANU National Centre for Indigenous Studies r

Jacinta Elston

Dean - Indigenous Health Unit r

Dr Ros Kidd Author c

Prof Marcia Langton

Chair of Australian Indigenous Studies r

Professor John Langmore UNAA President c

Dr Tamara Mackean

President Aust Indigenous Doctors' Assoc r

The Hon Jenny Macklin MP

Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. TBC

Les Melazer, Chairman FAIRA c

Doug Nakajima

UNESCO's Indigenous Knowledge in Paris r

Dr Rob Parker,

Director Psychiatric Services for the Top End NT c

Associate Professor Gracelyn Smallwood r

James Cook University

Dea Delaney-Thiele, Chief Executor Officer

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations r



UN DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

AIM OF THIS CONFERENCE

This Conference will aim to provide an opportunity to address how the rights of indigenous peoples, as contained in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, are respected or have been violated.

To examine the social, cultural, economic and environmental impacts on indigenous peoples and in particular Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to create an environment for discussion and recommendations.

And to consider new pathways to knowledge and the future.

Although Indigenous cultures are very strong, years of European misunderstanding and indifference have affected them throughout the world. Indigenous peoples are increasingly faced with threats to their sovereignty, environment, and access to natural resources.

Social justice means being entitled to the same rights and services as all other citizens. These rights have been difficult to achieve for Indigenous People particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders because of a history of colonial and governmental racism.

This Conference will provide an opportunity for a diverse range of people to discuss issues of relevance for today's urban Indigenous population

Will this Conference draw up recommendations for state and national consideration??

Allowance has been made for discussion groups to develop resolutions to be taken forward to UNAA Federal Council, Commonwealth Government, United Nations and World Federation of UN Associations.

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